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Professor Has No Doubt Domestic Spying Existed

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A former intelligence expert who is now a University of South Carolina professor says there is "no question" about the truth of recent charges the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) engaged in widespread domestic espionage.

Prof. Paul W. Blackstock, 62, says some of his class lectures were secretly taped; government agents infiltrated his classes; and the CIA "siphoned off" one of his best students a few years ago and then sent him to Virginia for top-secret training.

BLACKSTOCK, a political analyst for U.S. Army Intelli-

gence from 1940 to 1959, teaches courses at USC in "Strategic Intelligence and National Security," and "Communism and the New Left." He came to the university's Department of Government and International Studies in 1959 as a Soviet foreign policy expert.

As an intelligence expert for the Army, Blackstock says he learned a lot about the CIA, though he never worked for the spy agency itself. "The techniques are universal at all the agencies," he said. "It's a very tightly-knit community."

The surveillance of domestic anti-war activists and dissidents by the CIA — specifically forbidden by the 1947 law that created the spy agency — was obvious to anyone in the academic community connect-

ed with students, the 'New Left' movement or the anti-war movement, according to Blackstock.

"Anyone in his right mind knew what was going on, of course," Blackstock said this week in his sunny office at USC watched over by his huge English sheepdog. "I knew, but didn't write about it for fear of being smeared."

How did he know? "First of all," the professor said with a hearty laugh, "people in my classes with butch haircuts and dark glasses stuck out like a sore thumb." One student hired to spy on his fellow students plagiarized a paper for Blackstock's class. When Blackstock confronted the student with the evidence, the youth asked for special consid-

eration because of his work with the spy agency. He didn't get it.

FRIENDLY students informed him at one time that his lectures had been secretly taped, Blackstock said.

The CIA domestic espionage bothers Blackstock a great deal. "This is a police state invasion of personal rights," he said heatedly. "It's intimidating — the same kind of thing I saw in Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. No one feels free to speak his mind."

Blackstock added vehemently: "This sort of thing has no place in a democratic society."

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Surveillance in the United States, he continued, is "far more efficient" than in authoritarian states like the Soviet Union because of America's superior computer and technical systems.

THE BALDING PROFESSOR, a native of Iowa, had first-hand experience with the Nazis in 1939 when he was studying in Paris, Germany and Italy. Though he had no intelligence connections at the time, Blackstock says the Nazis thought he was a spy. "I dodged the Nazis for a month, changing hotels every night waiting for them to return my passport," he remembers. "So I know what a police state is like."

He quickly left Germany when his passport was finally returned.

Blackstock believes that the CIA domestic surveillance was sparked largely by former President Nixon's "paranoia." The surveillance, apparently begun in response to the violence and demonstrations of the civil rights and anti-war movements, is thought to have peaked about 1970.

The USC professor believes that the only justification for domestic surveillance (which by law is the FBI's bailiwick) is "legitimate national security purposes," but he added: "You must remember that so-called national security recently has been the last refuge of scoundrels."

The only true safeguard against such illegal domestic spying, Blackstock believes, is "eternal vigilance on the part of the public and the press. This sort of thing cannot be tolerated."

LAST WEEK'S allegations aren't the first involving the CIA in domestic activities.

The \$750-million-a-year-espionage operation was exposed in 1967 as having paid more than \$3 million to the National Student Association between 1952 and 1966 to offset the support of students organizations in Communist countries.

The agency was in the spotlight again in 1972 when it was revealed that one of the convicted Watergate burglars, E. Howard Hunt, had been a CIA operative.

Hearings on the latest charges — which allegedly included break-ins, wire taps and surreptitious mail inspections of anti-war activists and other dissidents — are expected to be held soon by the U.S. Congress.



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Professor Blackstock Relaxes In Office

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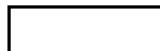
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